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A. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1906. 459

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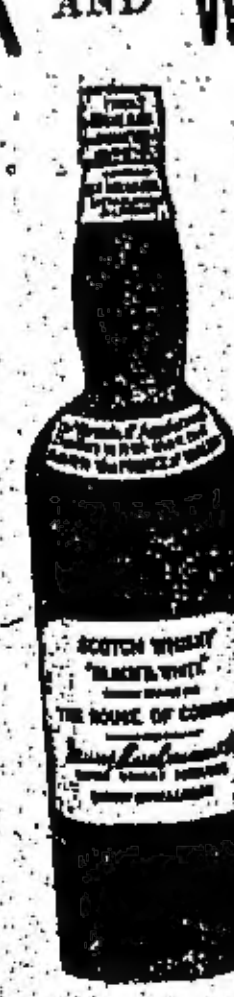
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Hongkong, January 25, 1906. 409

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DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, February 10, 1906. 419

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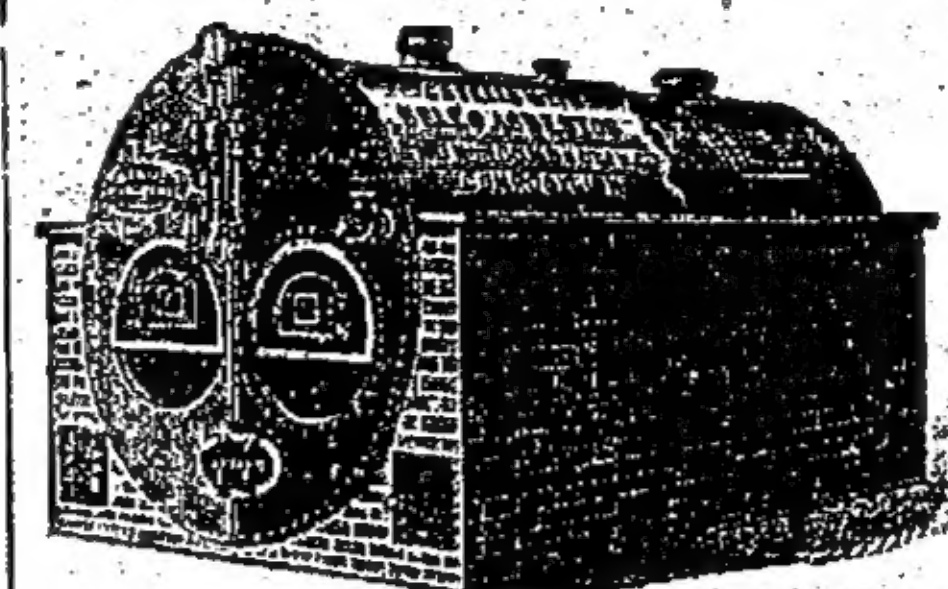
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Flor de Oriente (ladies).....small	100	100	2.00
Military (gold tipped).....medium	100	100	2.00
Germania.....medium	100	100	1.80
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MARRIAGE.

ROTHSCHILD & ANFIELD.—On the 10th March, 1906, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., NORMAN H. WEST RUTHERFORD, son of the late Samuel Rutherford, M.D., of Perthshire, Scotland, to MARGARET DOUGLAS WATSON, daughter of the late Lt.-Colonel Thomas Watson, Madras Staff Corps, and granddaughter of Major-General H. Roberts, Madras Staff Corps, 8th of Corps.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Auction.—Auction of Leasehold Property, at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

Amusements.—9 p.m.—Circus at Causeway Bay.

Miscellaneous.—Goods per Tientsin unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

General Memoranda.—TUESDAY, March 13:—5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Volunteer Reserve Association at City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, March 14:—11 a.m.—Meeting of The China & M. S. S. S. Co., Ltd., at the Co.'s Office.

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at the Co.'s Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Millinery & Summer Dress Goods, &c., at Messrs Hughes & Hough's Sales Rooms.

THURSDAY, March 15:—Goods per Messager not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

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SATURDAY, March 17:—Goods per Benches undelivered after this date subject to rent.

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MONDAY, March 19:—3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property, &c., at Mr Geo. F. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 1906.

PARTING OF THE POLITICAL WAYS.

The constitution of the present House of Commons is such that there would appear to be an imminent possibility of a regular break-up of the old party lines. A notable writer, Professor Macy, recently published a work on "Party Organisation and Machinery" which is of peculiar interest in view of the existing political conditions in Great Britain. Professor Macy says that the English and American systems are essentially bi-party systems; one of two parties necessarily possessing a majority in the Legislature, where as elsewhere "no one party is large enough to control the Legislature, majorities being secured by a combination of party groups." These words serve to remind us that England even now may be drifting towards a similar position, of which Mr Chamberlain seemed to see the shadow in his recent speech at Halesowen. The ultimate result of such a tendency must be the dissolution of the party system as it has worked in England since 1834. And then what is to follow? We gather from some of Mr Macy's pages that he is not blind to the possible occurrence of such a problem in the United States. Another difference between the English and American party system lies, says our author, in the Cabinet. "The English Cabinet system cannot work unless the voting constituency consents to divide into two parties—the party in power, represented by the Cabinet and its supporters in the Legislature, and the party of the Opposition, whose leaders are also members of the Legislature, and the chief party spokesmen." Mr Macy does not work out this conclusion as clearly as could be wished; for certainly there has been a time when Conservatives, Liberals and Nationalists made up a tripartite House of Commons without the Cabinet system being affected by it. What our author goes on to say, however, about a National party, a vision which has long floated before the eyes of some English politicians, is probably true enough. When there are two, and only two opposing parties, with clearly cut differences between them, "there can be no National party apart from them."

But then the kind of national party here meant is not what Englishmen mean when they talk of one; not the kind of party which Sir Robert Peel is said at one time to have contemplated. The American "National" party is not intended to supersede either of the other two, but to act as "an accessory" working on different lines, but in the interests of Republican or Democratic principles as the case may be. The system of party government, government by contradiction as its opponents call it, has admittedly numerous defects. But in actual operation it has hitherto shown itself to be a fairly satisfactory instrument of government. The British Constitution "just grew," like Topsy, and it has shown its immeasurable superiority over other Constitutions which are not susceptible of change in order to meet altered conditions. The Japanese Constitution, for example, although acclaimed—and very properly—as a great monument to the genius of Marquis Ito, has not worked well. In fact there is a very considerable and constantly increasing body of politicians in Japan who demand an immediate revision of the constitution. It is the tendency of mankind to be dissatisfied with what is and to seek perfection. Unhappily perfection is not attainable to mortals and there is danger in leaving established ways to pursue glittering phantasies. A "national party" sounds well but in actual fact there is always a large body of moderate minded men in Great Britain who exercise considerable power upon legislation, and who are, only nominally attached to any particular party. Without any organisation and held together solely by their mutual love of country they are really a "national party." If an organisation were established under that designation it would probably happen that it would speedily become a machine and be absorbed into one or other of the existing parties. Thus the "national party" would, so to speak, kill itself by coming into existence.

On Thursday we published a letter from Mr T. H. Reid referring to an article in the CHINA MAIL some time ago on Canton trade. We are now informed that in making out the trade returns the Customs authorities give a table showing the "Duties paid under each flag," which misled us. The Customs statistics of China are, we now learn, all based on the flag of the carrier—a system puzzling to those who do not happen to know it and who endeavour to analyse the mass of figures—and consequently we erred in stating that Great Britain paid over two million taels duty on goods. That amount was collected on cargo carried in British vessels; which shows, all the same, that there is no room yet awhile to cry out that the British flag is fading from the East.

Gentlemen who are fond of patting their graceful moustaches and hugging the pleasing belief that these adornments prepossess the other sex in their favour will—perhaps—learn with consternation that from them, character may be read. This assertion is made in an exchange on the authority of a lady. This observer says—When it is thick and bushy, it indicates strength and vigour of constitution, and if black, strong passions as well. A long and luxuriant moustache denotes strength, longevity, and descent from a long-lived ancestry. When thin and scattered, it reveals fine, keen perception, and good mental powers. The owner of a curly moustache should be vivacious, brilliant, and impetuous. Moustaches very light in colour are seldom the property of profound thinkers. They are more generally owned by men of frivolous nature, amusing and sprightly. A red moustache betokens ardour, ambition, and sometimes a hasty temper. It usually goes with an agreeable personality. A combination of blue eyes and black moustache indicates great control of the emotions, and remarkable sagacity. Is this a sinister attempt by barbers to increase their business?

If familiarity does not breed contempt, it certainly induces indifference. We who have the privilege of living in the city of many weird sights, become accustomed to strangeness of dress, manner and manners that we cease to remark

the unusual. It is only when we read in a home paper a description of a local incident which would not appeal to us as extraordinary that we are brought back to a consciousness that we are living amid novel surroundings. Here is a paragraph which shows the impression created upon a newcomer by an occurrence which would not seem to the average resident anything out of the ordinary: "Chinese banks have a way of doing business which, if simple and primitive, is both rapid and accurate. An English officer gives an interesting account of his visit to one of the native banks in Hongkong. As an Englishman he was received with great civility. In response to a call a patisi cashier appeared, noiseless and deferential, with a smooth-shaven skull, a four-foot pigtail, and spotless, flowing garments. He carried neither paper nor pencil about him. With great rapidity he made the desired exchange of notes, doing his calculating on an abacus—a frame of wire and beads similar to those used in country schools years ago. His fingers moved over the beads more rapidly than the eye could follow, but there was no mistake in the total. The officer wanted a large sum of money changed into small coin. Instead of counting out the hundreds of pieces involved in this transaction, a simple, ingenious device was employed. A flat, wooden tray, containing one hundred recesses, each just big enough to lodge one coin and yet shallow enough to prevent the possibility of two lurking together, was produced. The pile of small coins was poured out on this tray. With one jerk of the clerk's wrist the hundred recesses were filled and the surplus swept off. During the performance the clerk kept his enormous sleeves tucked well up in order to disarm any suspicion of pilfering. The officer's change was thus correctly obtained in an incredibly short time."

According to one of our special cablegrams to-day Signor Sonnino, who has recently taken over the reins of Government from Signor Fortis, has come forward with a liberal programme for the betterment of Italy in general and the Southern provinces of that Kingdom in particular. The main point of interest is the declaration for the purchase of the railways. It was in connection with railway affairs that the Giolitti Government had considerable trouble, and when Signor Giolitti retired owing to ill-health he handed on as a legacy a little burden to Signor Fortis. The Giolitti Government introduced a measure empowering the State to take over the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Sicilian lines, and, it will be remembered, the employees organised a system of obstruction which caused great inconvenience to traffic. They carried out every regulation to the letter. The movement naturally met with no sympathy from the public, and normal conditions were restored within a few days. About this time Signor Fortis was prevailed upon to take over the Government, and with a cabinet composed mainly of the former Premier's colleagues he set to work to carry out the programme of the government: he succeeded. Some minor changes were made in the Railway Bill, but the employees objected to the clause under which they were made State officials and were treated as having resigned if they struck work. A strike was proclaimed on April 16 of last year, but the Bill was passed through all its stages on April 20, and next day the strike came to an end. But the Government had had quite enough difficulty for the time, and postponed the previously proposed redemption of the Southern lines, although by July, the control and management of all the railways except about 4000 kilometres passed into the hands of the State, the Chamber giving the Government a vote of confidence by 260 to 112. Now Signor Sonnino is attempting to procure for the State the balance of lines that are in the hands of private individuals. The most difficult part of the business having been got over by the previous Government there is no reason now why there should be the slightest trouble in store for the new Premier. If the employees are obstinate there will perhaps be a strike, but the ill-success of previous efforts in the same direction will not be encouraging. With the whole of the railways under Government control Italy will have a rich asset to develop.

THE FRENCH CABINET COLLAPSE. CAUSED BY ANOTHER RIOT. Firearms in Church. (Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.) London, March 9. The resignation of the French Cabinet arose through a riotous scene in a Church at Boeschepe, in the Department Nord. Shots were exchanged during the taking of an inventory, and one man was killed.

THE MOROCCO QUESTION. INSTRUCTIONS OF FRENCH DELEGATES. (Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.) London, March 9. It is stated that the instructions given to the French Delegates at the Conference at Algiers will not be affected by the defeat of the French Government.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE. A Conciliatory Feeling. London, March 8. There is a more conciliatory feeling at Algiers where it is believed that Germany is disposed to accept the Franco-Spanish polling of Morocco.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. Defeated by 23. London, March 8. In a debate in the French Chamber on the manner in which the taking of the Church inventories was carried out, the Government was defeated by 267 to 294 and the Cabinet has resigned.

THE PRINCESS ENA. An Impressive Ceremony. London, March 8. The ceremony of the conversion of Princess Ena was conducted in English, and was most moving. Princess Henry was not present. Princess Ena takes the name of Victoria.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. £300 per Annum. London, March 8. The House of Commons has adopted a resolution by 348 to 110 to pay members £300 a year.

THE FRENCH NAVY. Six New Battleships. France proposes to build six 16,000 ton battleships of 18 knots speed.

THE JAPANESE FAMINE FUNDS. The Toronto Sunday School Association has issued a stirring appeal for subscriptions to the Japanese Famine Fund.

THE TRANSVAAL CONSTITUTION. Commission of Inquiry. London, March 8. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, announced in the House, that a Committee would proceed to South Africa to enquire into a basis on which to form a constitution for the Transvaal.

H.M.S. "Andromeda's" departure for England has been postponed by order to-day owing to H.M.S. "Donogale's" return to Malta.

TWO GOOD TO MISS.—You may be able to get along without Stearns, Wine of God Liver Oil, but what's the use of going through life and missing all the good things? It will give you strength.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

ITALIAN POLITICS.

POLICY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Liberal Measures.

(Exclusive Service, Supplied by Reuters, via Bombay).

LONDON, March 9.

At the opening of the Italian Chamber Signor Sonnino, Premier and Minister for the Interior, announced numerous measures for the improvement of the Southern provinces, including the purchase of the railways and a reduction in the land tax with a view to preventing emigration.

"LADY HUNTWORTH'S EXPERIMENT."

The A.D.C.'s Next Effort.

On the evenings of the last day of this month and April 2 and 3, the A. D. C. expect to stage "Lady Huntworth's Experiment," a comedy in three acts. The company have been rehearsing the piece industrially, and should succeed in producing it in their well-known style. The characters have been allotted as follows:—

Rev. Audley Pilleger... Mr. Gaster
Rev. Henry Thorsby... Mr. L. J. C. Anderson
Gandy... Mr. Teister
Newspaper Boy... Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Crayle... Mr. Looker
Miss Hannah Pilleger... Mrs. Palmer
Keriah... Mrs. Grace
Caroline Hayward... Mrs. M. W. Slade

WEDDING AT JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Rutherford-Wakefield.

At St. John's Cathedral this afternoon the wedding of Mr. Norman Hubert Rutherford, son of the late Mr. Samuel Rutherford, M.D., of Pultenburgh, Sussex, to Miss Margaret Dorothy Wakefield, daughter of the late Lt.-Col. Wakefield, Madras Service Corps, was solemnized; the Rev. F. T. Johnson officiating.

The church was nicely decorated for the occasion, palms and ferns being the main features, and there was a large attendance, the ceremony being witnessed by a fashionable gathering, leading residents being amongst those present.

The bride, who looked charming, entered the Church wearing on the arm of her brother, Captain Wakefield, R.G.A., and was followed by the bridesmaids Misses Duffie and Mabel Dickson, Alice Harrison and Sylvia Ross, all of whom were dressed in white crepe de Chine trimmed with guipure lace and sat in ribbons. They also wore wreaths of pink hawthorn roses and carried baskets of flowers and were bridesmaids, the gift of the bridegroom. When came a page (Master Jack Parkes 'Dickson'), dressed in full Highland costume of the McDuff tartan.

The bride's dress was of ivory duchesse satin, trimmed with flounces of twisted chiffon and true laces' knots tied with orange blossoms. The bodice was trimmed with lace and garlands of orange blossoms and white hawthorn, while a train of the same flowers and a tulle veil were worn.

The bride also wore a pretty pearl and ruby pendant the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. W. R. Robertson, who acted as best man.

The service was a full choral one, Mr. Denman Fuller presiding at the organ, and the band of the Second Royal West Kent Regiment was in attendance and played the wedding march.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Hongkong Hotel, when the health of the married couple was proposed by Mr. G. D. Wilkinson, (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist). The bridegroom replied in suitable terms.

The couple then left for their honeymoon, the bride being attended in a green and white silk dress, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and chiffon, and she wore a picture hat trimmed with feathers.

The Rainfall.

The following table gives the monthly rainfall at the Observatory to the end of February with the means and extremes for 20 years:—

	Mean.	Max.	Min.
January.....	1.99	1.32	0.85
February.....	2.25	1.88	0.92

WORTH REMEMBERING.—There are no more nearly as many people coughing now as there were before Stearns' Cough Cure was placed on the market. It stops the cough. Remember that.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CAPTAIN AMUNDSEN'S Norwegian expedition to the North Pole, dated May 21, 1905, have reached the Governor of Hudson Bay, and state that all the party are well.

RHEUMATISM CAN BE CURED.

There is no disease which inflicts more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is a bold statement to make but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale in this country, has met with success in the treatment of this disease wherever it has been tried. One of two applications of this liniment will relieve the pain and hundreds of sufferers from this disease readily acknowledge its efficacy. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

China Traders Insurance Co.

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in the China Traders Insurance Company was held at the company's office at noon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade presided, and there were also present Messrs. A. Haupt, E. Gutz, A. R. Linton, C. J. Haupt, W. J. Saunders, C. M. G. Burnie, A. Ough, A. B. Rouse, W. H. T. Davis, E. H. Ray and James Whittall (secretary).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the chairman said:—Gentlemen, the object of this meeting is to confirm the special resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting of the company on held on February 16. The resolutions are:—

(1). That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

130. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.

(2). That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders on the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

The Chairman moved the confirmation of the first resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Veitch and carried.

The second resolution was also confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Davis.

That concluded the business.

Geo. Fenwick and Co., Ltd.

The seventeenth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of Messrs Geo. Fenwick and Co., Limited, was held at the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

Mr. A. Rodger was in the chair and there were also present, Messrs W. Parlans, J. Rodger, J. I. Andrew, J. McCorquodale, A. Forbes and J. D. Kinaird.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will adopt our usual practice and take the report and statement of accounts as read. Your Directors regret that the year under review, so far as shipbuilding and engineering are concerned, has shown a slackness of business throughout nearly the whole of the time. Consequently when tendering for work, estimates had to be cut, very fine to compete with the keen competition that existed, but I am glad to say we secured a fair share of what work was offered although we had to be content with a smaller profit than usual. Meanwhile we are using our utmost endeavours towards retrenchment in every department of the establishment without sacrificing efficiency.

We had hoped for a briskness in trade setting in with the close of the Russian and Japanese war, but in this we have been disappointed. The launches, plant, machinery and buildings, have been kept in a fairly good state of repair. The report and statement of accounts now placed before you state very clearly the Company's position, therefore it is needless for me to go into figures or details concerning profits, and we trust the appropriation of profits as presented meets with your approval. Our reclamation at North Point is nearing completion. This property should be a good asset in the near future, as it is a magnificent site and a suitable one for many purposes. Owing to the abandonment of the Fraya East reclamation scheme, accompanied by the depression in the land market and a general tightness of money in the colony (temporary I hope) we think it advisable to continue carrying on our business in the meantime, in our present premises at Wanchai, and have petitioned the authorities for permission to do so, as the present time is very inopportune for selling land or calling up more capital and one of these two things we shall require to do shortly, if we proceed at once with the execution of the new works at North Point. This matter is having our careful attention and serious consideration. Mr. Winterburn, our present General Manager who is leaving the Colony in May, has resigned his position after fourteen years' service throughout which time he has worked hard and done his best to promote the welfare of the Company. We wish him, I am sure, every success in his new undertaking and hope he may be in a position to place some good orders with us before long. Mr. Andrew, who has been in the Company's service for nearly ten years and understands the routine of our business, having carried on Mr. Winterburn's duties during his absence on leave for ten months in 1901, has been appointed to succeed him. I do not think there is any further useful information I can give you, but before moving the adoption of the Report and Statement of accounts, I shall be very pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions relating to them.

There being no questions the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Kinaird seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. J. Rodger moved the re-election of Mr. Parlans; the motion was carried.

Mr. McCorquodale seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Andrew moved the re-election of Mr. Arnold; the motion was carried.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen; dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

Putting Members Through.

Twenty-one Chinese were brought before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistrate's court, nineteen being charged with being members of the Triad Society and the other five with being present at a meeting of an unlawful society. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson said that together with a party of Chinese detectives he entered No. 59 Second Street one night last week, through the roof, and found a meeting of the Triad Society in progress. He concealed himself and saw that the place was dimly lighted by a few tapers and in a tub in the room were two sets of patriarchal flags, a lamp, looking glass, dagger, scissors, fan, rule, abacus and scales, all of which were part of the gear used in initiating members into the Triad Society. There were also several coloured papers with writing on them, a pot covered with paper and holding fantastical banners. In front of the tub were five tea cups and seven saucers. The defendants, who were members of the society, were putting the other five through and had a yellow piece of paper bearing their names and the hour of their birth. Banners were used in this ceremony, one containing a liquid representing blood and the other grass, and just in front of them was a chopper. The ceremony was gone through in the usual way up to the time when the detectives entered. Amongst other forms the candidates had to take an oath and jump through a paper covered hoop.

The first defendant was fined \$500, Nos. two to seventeen \$25 each, and the rest \$5 each.

CHINA SUGAR CO.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders in the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the twenty-eighth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, at noon on Wednesday March 21:—

The General Agents beg to submit to Shareholders their Report on the Company's business for the year 1905 with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December last.

The Refineries were well employed during the year, the greater part of the year being the last few months a falling off in demand necessitated a reduction in the output of Refined Sugar.

Inclusive of \$42,812.75 brought forward from the year 1904, the sum at credit of Profit and Loss Account is \$1,408,418.68, from which has been debited \$200,000 paid as interest dividend of 10% on 12th August last, leaving \$1,208,418.68 available for appropriation, and this sum the General Agents Consulting Committee recommend should be dealt with as follows, viz:—

To pay a Final Dividend of \$15 per Share, \$300,000.00; To transfer to Reserve Fund, \$250,000.00; To Bonus to European Staff \$15,000.00; To Carry forward, \$449,418.68; Total \$1,208,418.68.

The steady fall which has occurred during the year in values of Raw Sugar and the uncertainty as to the future course of prices, render it necessary to provide a large reserve fund, and the General Agents recommend a transfer of \$250,000 to a Reserve Fund which will be utilized for the purpose of writing down such commitments.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.—This consists of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Messrs A. G. Wood and E. Shollin, of Messrs Paul Chater and Wood offer themselves for re-election. Mr. A. J. Raymond resigned his seat on the Committee on his departure from the Colony in November last.

AUDITORS.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Thomas Arnold and W. H. Fots who offer themselves for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, 9th March, 1906.

REVIEW.

"THE VAMPIRE MEMOIRS" and other weird stories of the China Coast; by "Dolly." J. W. Arrowsmith, Quay St. Bristol; Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent and Co., Ltd., London.

Readers will learn with delight that "Dolly," whose "China Castles" and other books aroused so much interest, has issued a new volume under the promising title "The Vampire Memoirs." The title suggests that the stories are not likely to be frolicsome, and they certainly are nothing on the side of skittishness. They are four in number and they are distinctly and decidedly weird. "Dolly" has set out to be gruesome, and the nervous person who reads his latest book in a lonely house at the grim midnight hour will shudder to confess that he has succeeded only too well. It is hardly necessary to say that the stories are extremely well told. "Dolly" has that scarcely definable attribute, which very few authors can claim, of compelling the reader to suspend his critical faculties, and with tacit acquiescence, read to the hilt and the record of ghastly events which sober reflection teaches one are but grisly imitations of possibilities. This is an author's triumph—to numb the reader's common sense and compel him against his will to admit the possibility of the impossible as long as he is under the spell of the cleverly written pages. "Dolly's" personal familiarity with the weird, his knowledge of the life of the local people who are so good at it, and apart from the interest which the stories arouse in themselves, the perfect of the local colour will appeal to all readers in the Far East. The next volume that "Dolly" writes, it is to be hoped, will show that he is able to do his brilliant powers of ghastly description into a less gruesome channel. While stories like "The Vampire Memoirs" enthrall us, we personally prefer that the writers who are so sufficiently gifted to produce such should devote their talents to presenting us to what is beautiful and sweet and ideal in existence instead of guiding our shuddering footsteps among the hideous shapes which lurk in the shadowy background of life. The volume can be obtained from Messrs Kelly and Walsh.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Baron Suyematsu has been made a Japanese Privy Councillor.

Mr. John C. Sweeney, judge on the court of first instance of Manila has tendered his resignation and returns to this United States to remain.

Sir John Anderson, Governor of the Straits Settlements, left Singapore in company with Miss Anderson, on a voyage to England on the 1st inst. A large assembly was present to bid them "bon voyage."

Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, has received 4000 wedding gifts, valued at 1,500,000 dollars (about £300,000). The gifts range from jewels to American wines, fruits, and vegetables.

Prince Arthur arrived at Kagoshima on March 3 and had a very warm reception with a feudal procession, fencing, a lantern procession, classical music and dancing, and handsome presents. A dinner was given to the Prince in the evening.

General Chaffee, who rose from the ranks to the position of Senior General Officer in the U. S. army, and who will long be remembered by his command of the American contingent during the Boxer troubles in the north, retired on the 2nd ultimo after 45 years' service.

Marquis Saionji, the Premier, and Mr. Kato, Minister for Foreign Affairs in Japan, have each been honoured with the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George; Marquis Kido, Chief Chamberlain to the Crown Prince; Mr. Nagasaki, Court Councillor; Viscount Fujimori, Director of the Imperial Mews; and Mr. Yamamoto, a Secretary in the Imperial Household Department, have each received the decoration of Knight Commander of the Victorian Order; and Captain Takarabe, J.L.N., has been made a Companion of the Victoria Order. Vice-Admiral Hujin and Major-General Fukushima, who already bear British decorations, have received a gold toilet-case each.

The Marquis of Grahame, eldest son of the Duke of Montrose, is engaged to be married to Lady Mary Hamilton, only child of the 12th Duke of Hamilton, and kinswoman of the present (13th) Duke. Lady Mary Hamilton is the wealthiest heiress in Great Britain, and is in her 22nd year. The estate of the 12th Duke of Hamilton included 157,000 acres, and was left in trust. The present Duke of Hamilton is a descendant of the fourth Duke. The Marquis of Grahame, who is in his 28th year, served as a lieutenant in the Army Service Corps during the South African war. He is the holder of a captain's certificate in the mercantile marine. The estate of his father, the Duke of Montrose, includes 115,000 acres.

Many circles in Shanghai, says a Shanghai contemporary, will feel the gap caused by the death on March 5 of Mr. W. W. Clifford, who came to Shanghai as long ago as 1875. For sixteen years Mr. Clifford was connected with Messrs. Hall & Holtz as accountant, and afterwards he was associated successively with Bell's Asbestos Company, the Central Stores Ltd., the China Merchant's Steam Navigation Co., and the Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co. He took a lively interest in public affairs, though chiefly from the point of view of critic, and was a frequent correspondent of the newspapers. Socially he was a prominent Freemason, one of the founders of the Witley Club in Range Road. Mr. Clifford was 67 years of age, and much sympathy is felt with his widow who survives.

Sir Arthur Lawley, the new Governor of Madras began his career as a soldier in the 10th Hussars, and was for some time private secretary to the late Duke of Westminster. While in this capacity he was brought into contact with Cecil Rhodes, who quickly formed a high idea of his abilities, and ultimately made him Administrator of Matabeleland, in succession to Earl Grey. Matabeleland, in those days, was just recovering from the rebellion, and Captain Lawley—as he was then—had a most difficult task to perform. The brilliant manner in which he completed the pacification of the country and brought it back to prosperity made him down as one likely to go far in public life, so that when he was made Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal no one who had worked with him in Matabeleland or West Australia—where he was Governor for over a year—was in the least surprised. Lady Lawley is famous throughout South Africa as a hostess.

The latest victim of the too-enterprising journalist states M.A.P., is Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, who was invited by the Secretary for War the other day to state how much truth there was in an interview with him that appeared in the Echo de Paris. Sir Frederick had been engaged for some time past upon the long delayed official history of the South African War. He has been a prolific writer on Army matters, and is one of the keenest and most far-sighted military critics to be found. Lord Wolseley always thought very highly of General Maurice's abilities, and once laughingly declared to a group of friends that the first step he always took when called upon to undertake a campaign was to "send for Fred Maurice." Sir Frederick has the reputation of being one of the finest chess players in the Army, and he strongly urges every young officer to take up this pastime. He is also a very strong supporter of the bicycle for employment in time of war in countries where fairly good roads are to be found. While he was in command at Woolwich a few years ago he conducted an extensive series

of experiments with volunteer cyclists to see how far they might be made useful to a general in the field.

Marquis Saionji will act as Foreign Minister as well as Premier in Japan.

King Edwards' chef, M. Menager, is believed to be one of the most accomplished cooks in the world. He has been decorated with the Victorian medal.

Mr. H. G. Welle can scarcely remember the time when he did not want to write. He was only nine when he published a paper in imitation of Punch.

Leave of absence to England on private affairs has been granted to Lieutenant L. G. Larnour, Royal Garrison Artillery, from 28th March to 12th October.

The meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at the European Y.M.C.A. on Monday evening next at 6.30 o'clock will be in charge of the laymen of the local churches.

Prince Arthur received at Tokyo a Japanese aged 75 who was awarded a medal by Queen Victoria in recognition of his bravery when the British Legation at Shinagawa was attacked, before the Restoration.

The Emperor of Japan studied foreign languages in his youth with so little success that he decided to rely on interpreters in dealing with foreigners. Strangely enough, though he rules over the most powerful of the East, he does not very much care for the sea.

Mr. Brion Riviere had two paintings accepted by the Royal Academy while yet a boy of seventeen. One was called "Sheep on the Cotswolds" and the second "Thorp School." He was still younger—in fact, a scholar at Cheltenham College—when his first two paintings were hung at the British Gallery.

A Shanghai paper says that only a ballot at the Empire or Albion, or possibly a Fancy Dress Ball at Covent Garden could equal in splendour the Bal Cosmopolite given at the Country Club on March 5 by Mr. E. E. Porter. The decorations and lighting were perfect and in exquisite taste, and the costumes, hardly any being doubled, were a mass of richness and beauty of design and variety of colour. All nations and all periods contributed to compose the dazzling whirl, and it is impossible to do justice to the scene of brilliance and gaiety.

The termination of the fortnightly dances at the Cosmopolitan Dock was marked by a very enjoyable social evening last night. The hall was artistically decorated for the occasion, a splendid effect being attained by the draping of the electric lamps with red cloth, which, while diffusing the light somewhat, shed a rosy glow around. The attendance was large and included Mr. W. Wilson (Chief Manager, Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company), Messrs J. Lambert (Lloyd's Register), Nielsen (North German Lloyd), H. T. Richardson (Canadian Pacific Co.), L. Brown ("Mercedes"), and E. C. Wilks. The dance programme was a long one—twenty in all—but even that was insufficient for some of those present, and extras were requested, but only one was granted, and the final—"Sir Roger"—was concluded shortly after two a.m. During the evening light refreshments were served. The success of the dance was due in large measure to the indefatigable committee, comprising Messrs W. J. Ratton, R. A. Nicholson, J. E. Hansen, J. Fisher and R. Wilson. Mr. Hansen carried out the duties of Master of Ceremonies in an efficient manner, being assisted by Mr. Fisher. The dances at the Cosmopolitan Dock are enjoyable functions at any time, but the one held last night was better than usual.

Capt. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey, who is in command of H.M.S. "Kent," is the son of Admiral Sir A. F. R. de Horsey. He entered the service in July 1876, and won his present rank by his gallant services to South Africa, 1900. His services have been varied. Whilst commanding torpedo-boat No. 62 during the manoeuvres of 1887 on the coast of Cephalonia he was run down and sunk, two men losing their lives. He was lieutenant of the "Archer," in command of a detachment landed for the protection of the Legation, Seoul, in the Korean troubles of 1904, and with the boats of the "Archer" he rescued a large part of the crew of the Chinese cruiser "Kiang Yi," sunk in Prince Jerome Gulf to avoid capture. For that he received the thanks of the Chinese Government. He was Lieutenant of the "Plover" in the expedition against the rebel chief Si Tai, which resulted in the fall of latter, the capture of his stronghold, and the killing or capture of his forces. He received the thanks of the Colonial Office for services in connection with the newly-acquired territory near Hongkong, 1893, but it was in South Africa that he got an opportunity of showing his well-known courage and professional capabilities. He was commander of the "Monarch" when the late war broke out, and, joining the Naval Brigade after the battle of Graspan, he did gallant service with the big guns, including the battle of Magersfontein, the subsequent operations under Lord Roberts, and the capture of the Transvaal capital. In the action fought before Pretoria he was severely wounded.

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HONGKONG COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

Comments by the "B. M. Journal."

The British Medical Journal for February has this regarding the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese:—

The College of Medicine for Chinese, now in the eighteenth year of its existence, continues to do good work. The Calendar for 1906, just issued, shows that there are not fewer than 35 students attending the course of study prescribed, and that since 1892, when they were first instituted, 24 students have obtained the diploma granted by the College. It is encouraging that during 1905 five diplomas were bestowed—the largest number since the College was founded excepting during 1902, when the same number was granted. The self-sacrificing enthusiasm of the medical men in the colony who have lectured and taught in the College during all these years is deserving of recognition and of reward. Dr. J. C. Thomson, the present Secretary of the College, was one of the original group of teachers, and it is to his laudable tenacity of purpose and organizing ability that the College owes its continuance. The help and patronage given to the College by the Government of Hongkong has served in some measure to further the good work of teaching medicine to the Chinese, but much more requires to be done to place the institution on a basis commensurate with the enormous possibilities of the work in hand. These possibilities of the College are indeed gigantic in the immensity of the potential good to China and the Chinese, and in the prestige which the British name and rule might acquire were a really great college of medicine instituted in Hongkong. Instead of the Chinese journeying to Japan for instruction in medicine, where they are taught for the most part in the German language, the scientific language of Japan, they would be taught, were they to go to Hongkong, in English, the foreign language which they know best. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the Chinese themselves, and from the point of view of the Empire, that the College of Medicine in Hongkong will be encouraged by the Government, both by way of monetary grants and moral support.

In their weekly share report dated 9th March, Messrs Vernon and Smyth state:—With the exception of a further advance in our local Marine Insurance stocks we have still to report a weak and featureless market, with no business of any importance to chronicle. The release of dividend money, which might have been expected to steady the market, has apparently had little or no effect on rates, and stocks generally close dull and difficult to move.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai continue on offer at 8800 and we have no business to report. The London rate has fallen to 890. Nationals can still be placed at 838.

Marine Insurances.—Unions continuing in demand without any shares to supply the market, the rate gradually rose without business to 8705, at which a few shares are reported to have changed hands; later, the demand still continuing, the rate again went up to 8800 with sales, the market closing steady at the rate. China Traders following 'Unions, and on the same lines have advanced to 886 without business, closing with buyers at that. Cautions have been placed during the week at 8342 and later at 8345, closing steady at the latter rate. The Northern Insurances remain unchanged and without business.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong have found buyers in small lots at 8324 net dividend of 825 paid on the 8th inst., and close with a small demand at 8295 ex div. China Fires have continued in demand at 889 cum dividend of 86 paid to day, and close with buyers at 893 ex div.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been in some demand at 824, but only very small lots have changed hands at that rate. At time of closing 824 fails to bring shares on the market, but at 824 some shares are available. Indo-China continue neglected, at 895 without any business of importance to report; the London rate has fallen to 210. Douglasses can still be placed at 440, but sellers refuse to part except at an advanced rate. China and Manila, cum div. of 15.60 to be paid on 14th instant, are obtainable at the reduced rate of 320. Star Ferries (old) have been placed at 332, while a few new issues remain on offer at 323.

Refineries.—China Sugars have weakened further to 8210 cash, at which a few shares have changed hands. Luzons have declined to 856 without business.

Mining.—No changes or business to report.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue out of favour, and small sales have been made at the reduced rate of 8154, sellers at that rate, ruling the market at time of closing. Kowloon Wharves, notwithstanding the improved report mentioned in our last, have ruled weaker with sellers and no buyers at 8100. Farmanas during the week have declined in Shanghai to 117 closing at that rate, while sales have been effected for July at 122 and 124. New Amoy Docks unchanged and without business.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have continued to rule quiet at 8115, but a small demand at 8112 fails to meet with any response. Hongkong Hotels have remained weak at 8140 cum div. of 85, paid on the 7th inst., and close quiet at 8135 ex div. Hongkong have been negotiated at 8111 and close with sellers at that rate. Shanghai Lands have improved to 112.10.

Cotton Mills.—Erwe has advanced in Shanghai to 112.62 and Lau Kang Move

declined to 115.64. Hongkong have been placed at 816 and 817 closing with buyers at the former and sellers at the latter rate. Miscellaneous.—China Providents have changed hands in small lots at 89, Dairy Farms at 116, Green Islands at 8301 and 8301, and Watsons at 813. Powells could be placed in small lots at 811, but sellers demand 811; and no business has resulted. We have nothing further to report under this heading.

BY WHARF AND WAY.

We understand that the E. and A. Co.'s steamer "Australian," which has been in dock here for survey after her grounding on a coral bank in Torres Straits, has been found to be practically undamaged. The most serious injury done, we are told, was the scraping of the paint from the plates by the coral. It is not surprising that the steamer escaped without injury as the coral was of the soft variety. The vessel struck the reef about 2 a.m. owing to adverse currents and went so softly on that but few of the passengers were aware of anything untoward happening. When daylight arrived it was found that the steamer was embedded in six feet of coral and it was necessary to lighten her by jettisoning some 300 tons of cargo. Altogether she remained aground for about 60 hours, and during that time the steamer "Apyrima" stood by to render assistance if required. She eventually towed the "Australian" into deep water. The passengers were transferred from the "Australian" during the re-floating operations.

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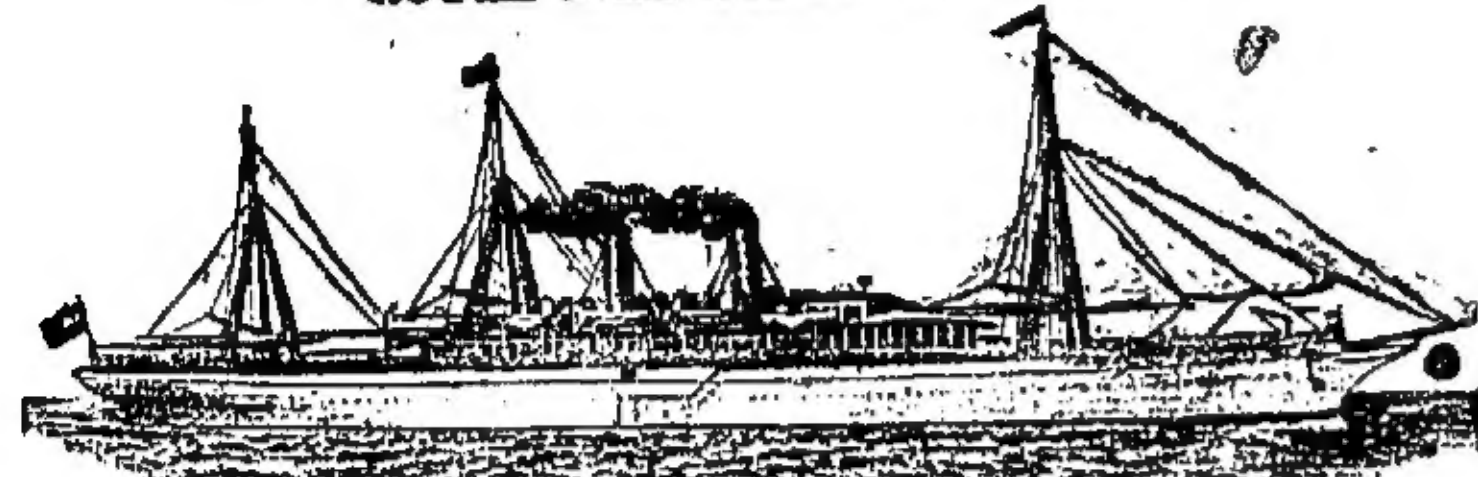
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AMOI, MANILA & YOKO, YUENANG	THURSDAY	Mar. 15, at 4 P.M.
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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	KENTUCK	28th "
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FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	ACHILLES	13th March
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	TELMACUS	27th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIOMEDE	10th April
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	TELMACUS	20th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	KINTOOK	24th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	BELLEPHON	30th May
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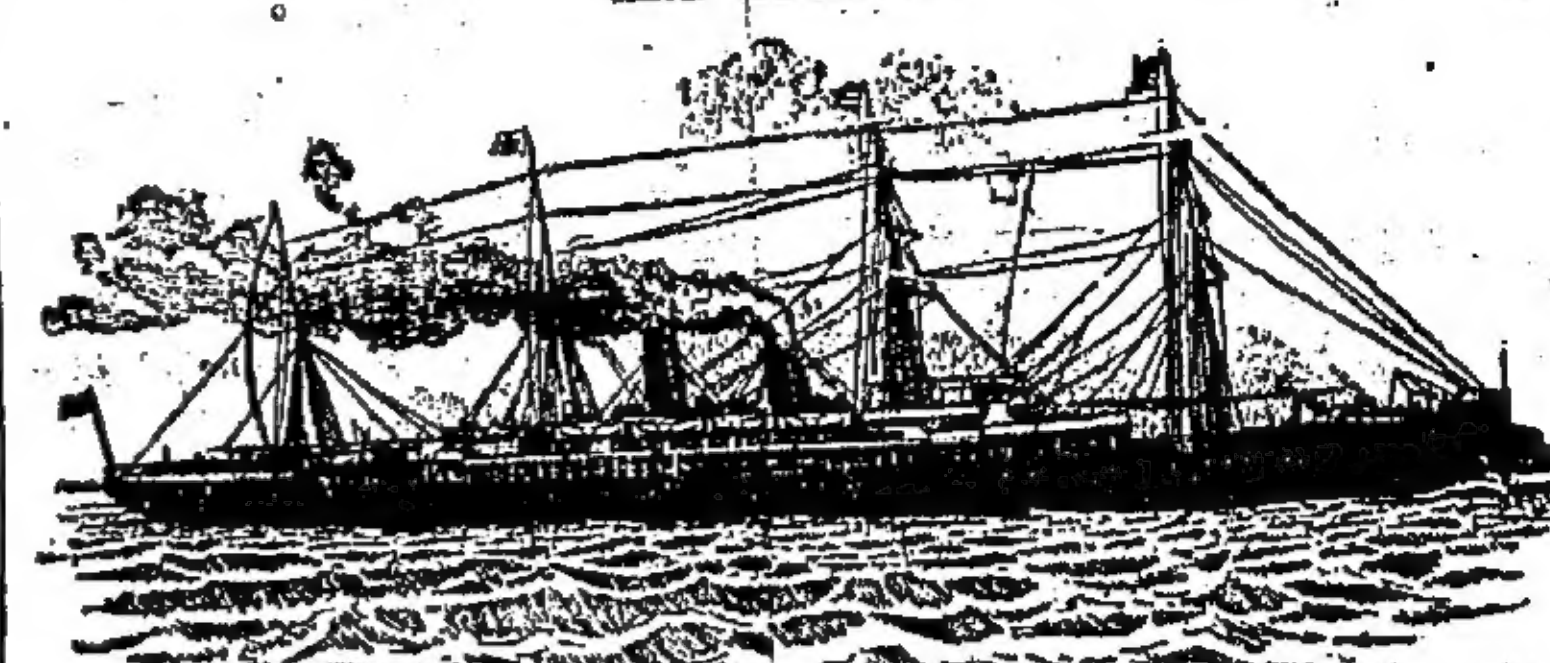
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NIKKO MARU, E. W. HIGWELL	MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.	FRIDAY, 16th March, at 4 p.m.
SHINANO MARU, M. J. CUNOW	VICTORIA, B.O. AND SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 3rd April, at 4 p.m.
DEN OF MAINS, SINGH	MARSHILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 8th April, at Daylight.
BINGO MARU	MARSHILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	WEDNESDAY, 18th April, at Daylight.
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